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## Seaman to Admiral Program (STA-21)

If you are interested in applying for the Fiscal Year 2012 STA-21 Program, now is the time to start planning to take the SAT/ACT Test. Once we deploy you will not have the opportunity to take either test. These tests are not offered aboard the ship. For more information concerning the STA-21 Program, the criteria is listed in OPNAVINST 1420.1B.



August 16

Spades Tournament on the aft mess decks at 8:30 p.m.

#### August 17

PS3 UFC Tournament on the aft mess decks at 8:30 p.m.

#### August 18

Open Mic Night on the aft mess deck at 8:30 p.m.

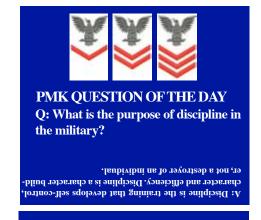
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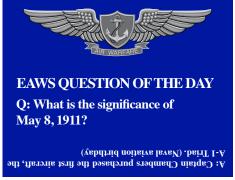
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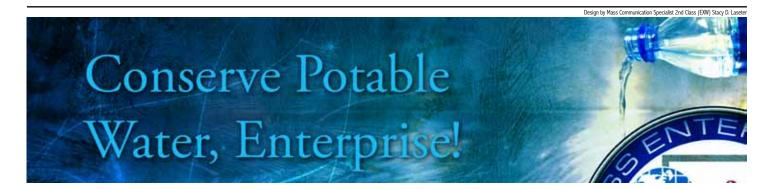
In order to accommodate all watch schedules, SITE TV will play movies from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. and then repeat the schedule from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m.

**PMK** training is being conducted every Tuesday and Thursday 1:00-2:00 p.m. until 19 August. **Training sessions are** on the forward or aft mess decks depending on availability. For questions or concerns, please contact ET1 Schwartz or PS1 Brown via e-mail or J-6560/J-7095.

**Nightly ESWS train**ing will be held in the Foc'sle, Monday - Friday at 6 p.m. boards will be held on Fridays in lieu of training as necessary.







# Enlisted warfare qualifications: Mandatory requirement

By MCC(SW/AW) Sonya Ansarov
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WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Initial enlisted warfare qualifications are now mandatory for all Sailors per the recent release of NAVADMIN 268-10.

The NAVADMIN announces the release of OPNAVINST 1414.8, Navy Enlisted Warfare Qualification Programs Instruction, which issues the basic overarching requirements for the qualification and designation of all enlisted warfare programs.

The arduous and often unforgiving environment we operate in as a Navy and Sailor dictates the need for all personnel to have a basic understanding and operating knowledge of the platform or command to which they are assigned.

Warfare programs are essential in ensuring our Sailors understand and are able to effectively engage a casualty, operate equipment or platforms safely and ensure backup as needed. Warfare qualifications are about ship, shipmate and self, and ensure the safety and safe operation of each command and platform on a daily basis.

"It's a standard every Sailor must

achieve. The warfare device itself is a symbol that the Sailors who are wearing it have a basic level of knowledge to ensure they are capable of fighting the ship, saving a shipmate and ensuring the safety of themselves at all times," said Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON), Rick D. West. "Having every Sailor at or working toward that level will only strengthen the war-fighting ability of that command and the Navy."

According to the NAVADMIN, qualification and/or re-qualification is mandatory for all enlisted Sailors assigned to designated warfare qualifying commands.

Warfare sponsors (Type Commanders) will establish specific qualification and re-qualifying timelines however, the maximum allowable time for initial qualification of all enlisted Sailors assigned to designated warfare qualifying commands will not exceed 30 months. Timelines for warfare qualifications are set by the Type Commander's instructions and each TYCOM will have oversight of their programs.

According to West, some of the big-

gest questions he hears from Sailors are:

- What happens if a Sailor doesn't qualify in time? West stated that failure to qualify in the specific warfare program within the prescribed time requirements shall immediately result in a special performance evaluation that removes promotion recommendation, but the promotion recommendation may be restored with a special performance evaluation when qualification is achieved.
- Will a Sailor be penalized if their command doesn't offer the opportunity for warfare qualification? According to West, Sailors without the opportunity to qualify in a warfare specialty will not be penalized. However Sailors should look for follow-on opportunities to obtain a warfare device when able.
- Will having mandatory qualifications water down the existing programs? West stated, quite the contrary; by mandating warfare qualifications for all enlisted personnel, it will significantly "raise the bar" across the command regarding level of knowledge of the command and the systems our Sailors operate. It is incumbent on those that wear the warfare pin of the command to ensure the integrity and strength of the existing programs.
- How will Sailors stand-out amongst peers if everyone is required to have a warfare pin? According to West, Sailors stand out every day. Performance and the Sailor's overall command support should be the biggest factors to "break out" individuals.
- "I often highlight efficient manning and future platforms such as LCS as examples of the need to ensuring our Sailors have a good, basic understanding of the systems and fighting capabilities of the command to which they are assigned," said West.

For more information see NAVADMIN 268-10

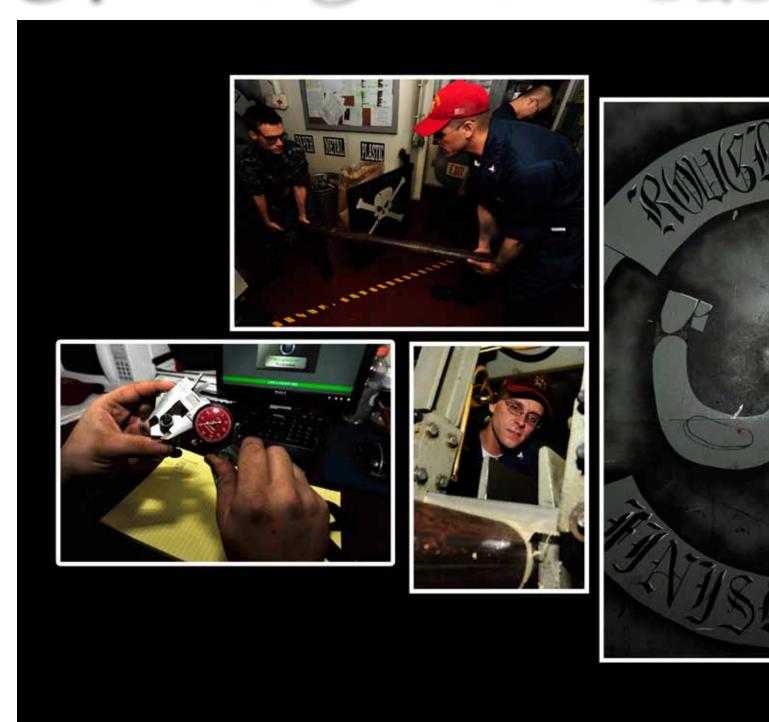
# Here's looking at you...

A Marine assigned to the Thunderbolts of Marine Strike Fighter Squadron (VMFA) 251 acts as a wounded servicemember during emergency drills on the flight deck.



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# Smooth Finishers: A.



# Metal Renaissance

A photo story by MCSA Jared M. King Enterprise Public Affairs







# The Enterprise Chiefs a Select few

USS ENTERPRISE, At Sea – The aircraft carrier USS Enterprise (CVN 65) announced the selection of 30 Enterprise and Carrier Air Wing (CVW) One chief petty officer (CPO) selectees while underway on work-ups Aug 11.

The CPO selectees now face the grueling challenge of going through CPO Induction while underway on the Navy's oldest ship during a compressed training schedule.

"I was so proud and humbled at the same time when I found out I made it," said Aviation Maintenance Administrationman 1st Class (AW/SW) Courtney A. Kittrell. "It was just awe-inspiring to know that I'm stepping into a whole new world in the Navy, a whole new level of leadership."

But before any selectee is able to reach that "new level" in the Navy, it is necessary for them to separate themselves from their peers at their "old" one. Most commonly referred to as "breaking out," motivated Sailors seek out challenging billets, assignments and qualifications in order to set themselves apart. Advancement to chief is not merely contingent on passing the advancement exam, because all qualified candidates must also submit a package to be reviewed by a chief's board for selection.

The board looks holistically at selectees' service records and performance evaluations for up to five years during the selection process. Factors such as warfare designations, back-to-back sea duty and individual augmentee tours help break out the top performers.

"What we're looking for on the board is sustained superior performance," said

Master Chief Culinary Specialist (SW) Thaddeus T. Wright, Enterprise's assistant food service officer and previous selection board member. "We look for certain skill sets reflected in a prospective chief's evaluations. We need experts in their field, but more importantly we need leaders. The Navy is looking for Sailors who stand out from the crowd."

Chief of Naval Personnel has outlined through their Chief Petty Officer Selection Board's Supplemental Guidance memorandum that there is a distinction between a fully qualified selectee and the best qualified selectee.

Special core consideration must be given for individuals who completed, or are in the process of completing, degrees associated with their rating. The board will be particularly attentive to the records of those eligible who have demonstrated expertise in the areas of anti-terrorism and force protection. The board will give maximum consideration to those eligible who have successfully completed, or are currently serving in the extremely demanding tours of duty as recruit division commanders or non-prior service accession course instructors and recruiters.

"They're looking for people who can be shining examples to their Sailors and subject matter experts in their fields," said Wright. "That's what we do as chiefs."

Once selected, the selectees may volunteer to take part in a time-honored and rigorous induction process designed to help them learn how to be CPOs. The same process has taken place for decades under various names,

By MC3 Jeffry Willadsen Enterprise Public Affairs

and CPOs pride themselves in having this unique experience in common.

"Navy chiefs are the embodiment of leadership on the deck plates. If someone needs to get something done in the Navy, they ask a chief. That's something to be proud of, and it's what we celebrate with the induction process," said Wright.

Following this rigorous process, selectees are pinned as chief petty officers in a ceremony normally held on Sept. 16.

"Chiefs are the backbone of the Navy," said Aviation Structural Mechanic 1st Class (AW/SW) Jason C. Sjodin, a selectee assigned to the Rooks of Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 137. "They are the ones the Sailors rely upon and look up to. Most of all, the chiefs' mess is unified in carrying out the mission of the ship and the Navy, and I'm proud to be a part of that heritage."

Enterprise is at sea conducting workups leading to its 21st deployment. For more information about USS Enterprise, Carrier Strike Group 12 or Carrier Air Wing One visit www.Enterprise. navy.mil, www.ccsg12.surfor.navy.mil or www.cvw1.navy.mil. You can also visit www.news.navy.mil/local/cvn65.

## SAILOR & MARINE OF THE DAY



## Oudnoncemen 2nd Class

#### Aviation Ordnanceman 3rd Class Melissa J. Sweeting

Q: Why did you join the Navy?

A: "To travel, receive an education and make my family proud."

Q: What is the most rewarding aspect of your job?

A: "The satisfaction of getting the job done, accepting new challenges and overcoming them, and giving my shipmates a helping hand."

Q: What do you do in your spare time?

A: "I like reading, working out and trying anything new."

#### Corporal Jason M. WhitePavlas

Q: Why did you join the Marine Corps?

A: "I joined to better myself and to travel and do something new."

Q: What is the most rewarding aspect of your job?

A: "The most rewarding aspect is helping Marines preogress in the Marine Corps."

Q: What do you do in your spare time?

A: "I work out in the gym and go on weekend trips to new places."



# Message in a Bottle Letters home from the Atlantic

# [the following is an excerpt from a letter written by: AOAA Heather C. Fuller]



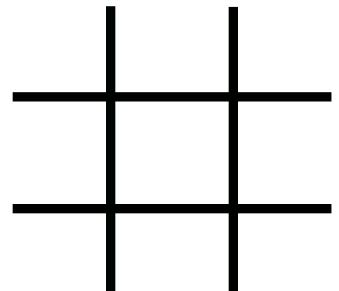
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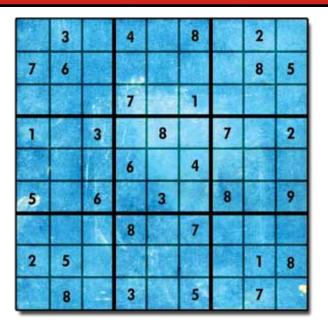
### "Dear McKenzie,

Mommy misses you so much! I can't believe another year has passed and you are three. You are getting to be such a big girl. I'm sorry I couldn't be there for your birthday this year, but I know I will be there next year. I know you're too young to understand why I have to leave so much. I am doing my best to proudly serve our country and I know that this is what's best for our future. Every night I watch the video I made of you dancing to 'Whoop There It Went' and I can still hear you saying, "How you doin'-mocking Wendy Williams. I'm sorry I have to cut this short but mommy has to get back to work. I love you with all of my heart. You will forever be my Ming Lee."



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- 4. Ambulance worker (abbr.)
- 7. FDR's successor
- 11. Chapel area
- 13. Evergreen shrub
- 14. Authorizes
- 15. Collide
- 16. "Oh, give \_\_ home.."
- 17. Rowing need
- 19. Tugs
- 21. Noted comet discoverer
- 24. Porker's palace
- 25. Singer Burl
- 26. Songs of praise
- 30. Major engineering school
- 31. Off-white
- 32. Internet service
- 34. Claims as due
- 36. Soft French cheese

#### Down

- 1. Trio after L
- \_ Ridge Boys 2. Country's \_
- 3. Antiquated
- 4. House addition
- 5. NYC transit org.
- 6. Professors' aides (abbr.)
- 7. Religious song
- 8. Look for
- 9. "\_\_\_ the night before..."
- 11. Farm tract
- 12. "I got \_ 18. Unser and Jolson
- 20. Sailor's assent
- 22. Keen
- 23. Knitting shop's choices
- 24. Hide away
- 27. "Simpsons" character Flanders

- 37. Campers' vehicles (abbr.)
- 38. Messenger
- 40. Cowboy's tool
- 43. Fortune
- 44. Air hero
- 45. Kingly domain
- 49. Cable option (abbr.)
- 52. Islanders's gp.
- 53. Prohibition
- 54. "\_\_\_ \_ the ramparts..."
- 55. Trio following C
- 56. Troop entertainment org.
- 57. Maiden name indicator
- 28. Long-distance race"
- 29. Grime
- 31. Prance about
- 33. Directed
- 35. Mr.'s mate
- 36. JFK, to RFK
- 39. Sailors' saint
- 40. Property
- 41. Jogger's distress
- 42. Ego
- \_\_ Claire, Wisconsin
- 47. They're toned by sit-ups
- 48. British bathroom
- 50. Speller's contest
- 51. Miner's quest